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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 November 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 4-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Moon (U.S. 6,783,256) B2.

3. Moon discloses a direct back light device having:

Regarding claim 1, a support unit (70, fig. 2) comprising a lower case (30) and two support members on two sides of the lower case (30, fig. 2), each support member having a plurality of lengthwise spaced apertures or holes (col. 3, lines 51-54);

- an CCFL assembly (10, fig. 2) comprising a plurality of parallel lamps each being supported by a pair of opposite apertures (70, fig. 2) on the support members wherein each of the apertures (401, fig. 3C) has an inner diameter (401, fig. 3C) larger than an outer diameter of the lamp (410, fig. 3C), and the lamp is divided into a connecting portion projected from the support members and an illumination portion.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 2-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Moon** in view of **Kang et al.** (U.S. 2004/0047148) A1.

Moon discloses the claimed invention except for the upper case.

However, **Kang et al.** discloses a lamp assembly having:

Regarding claim 2, an upper case or top chassis (800, fig. 10) secured to the lower case (450, fig. 10) by means of a fastener (175, fig. 7) by connecting the upper and the lower cases together for enclosing the CCFL assembly (100, fig. 10).

Regarding claim 3, a fastening member (175, fig. 7) at the aperture, and wherein the fastening member comprises two end enlargements having an outer diameter larger than the inner diameter of the aperture.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the direct back light device of **Moon** with the top chassis taught by **Kang et al.**, since the top chassis of **Kang et al.** would provide **Moon** with a chassis designed to receive the container or the base, protecting the lamp assembly in covering the edges equivalently as does the upper case, such that the lamp assembly is prevented from being separated from the receiving container or base of the lamp assembly.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 4-6 and 7-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record fails to suggest each of the adhering members comprising a plurality of sectors wherein any two adjacent adhering members are divided by a radius so that the sectors are adapted to fasten the lamp by friction as the lamp passes the sectors.

Claims 5-6 are also objected to as being dependent upon claim 4 and claims 8-11 are also objected to as being dependent upon claim 7.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bertrand Zeade whose telephone number is 571-272-2387. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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